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PREFECTS, 1945.

Standing: J. Stead, W. Thompson, M. Balcomb.

Sitting: S. Thorne (Head Girl).



## Letter from the Sister in Charge

St. John's High School,  
Scottsville.

MY Dear Old Girls, past and present,—

The most momentous year of our lives, I hope, has passed since I last wrote for the Magazine.

We kept our Festival on the very day, May 6th, because it fell on a Sunday. The beauty of that Sung Eucharist, the exquisite singing, the dignity and reverence of the girls who served on the Sanctuary as Thurifer, Torch-bearers, and Cross-bearer, will, I hope, often be equalled, but will never be surpassed. It was a great corporate act of worship—the offering of our best.

Two days later we gathered in Chapel to sing a solemn *Te Deum* in thanksgiving for V.E. Day. Afterwards, as many as could get way, left for five days' holiday. V.J. Day came in August, sooner than any of us had dared to hope and a Sung Eucharist of Thanksgiving was followed again by three days' holiday.

As one of our girls said when the news, long waited for, arrived of her mother's safety in England from a prison camp in Germany: "It has come!" The peace, for which we have prayed and striven, and for which the flower of the manhood of another generation has paid the price, has come. What are we going to do with it?

We read much and there is much talk of "the new order," and a better world. But a better world can only be brought about by a better you and a better me. So let us start with ourselves.

The courage that fought and died, that endured bravely all the perils, anxieties and privations of war is still there and is needed more than ever now. It shines forth brightly in the lives of those who carry on in empty homes and with hearts broken by bereavement. The answer to all the problems and bewilderment of the world is found in Our Lord and His Church. It takes real courage to stand for what is right and to be faithful to Him in a world whose sense of right and wrong is blurred, and which sets Him at naught. It takes real courage to be the only one in a household or group to get up and go off to church, to one's Communion, on a Sunday morning. The hardest thing of all is to stand alone.

Six of our Communicants who left at the end of the year decided that it would help them to keep faithful to their religion if they formed a guild and tried to keep a very simple Rule of Life. So, much to our joy, the St. John's Communicants Guild came to life again with these six members who were admitted in the School Chapel by Father Alston on December 13th. I hope others will strengthen the life of the Guild by joining it and give your young comrades the support of your sympathy and prayers. Please ask me about it. I shall be very happy to supply all particulars.

In June, Mrs. Pilter and Crystal left for England. They had found a haven in St. John's when they escaped from the horrors of bombardment at Singapore. Mr. Pilter remained a prisoner in the hands of the Japanese, and in over three years one letter and a postcard, which took eighteen months to reach her, were received by Mrs. Pilter. One marvelled at the courage and the faith that never wavered during those dark days. Now I am thankful to say, they are happily reunited and Mr. Pilter is slowly regaining health after his terrible experience.

In conclusion, I should like to say that I think it is time one of our Old Girls became a millionairess or married a millionaire. I am sure there are plenty about

if you would just make the effort to find one. Then a gift of £10,000 or so to your school would be quite in order. We so badly need a new kitchen, pantries, and housekeeper's room. But with the soaring cost of living, and all expenses greatly increased, we dare not embark on building at present. It seems as if we shall just have to wait for the millionaires!

Our former O.G.A. Secretary performed a very gracious and much appreciated little act of thoughtfulness and courtesy by driving past the school on her way to her wedding. She was a lovely bride and it was a real treat to have a "close up" of her and of her bridesmaids. We wish her every happiness and look forward to Mrs. Butler's visits in the future.

With loving greetings to you all,

Yours affectionately,  
+ MARY RICHMAL.

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## Headmistress' Report

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Reverend Father, Mr. Wilks, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It gives one a feeling of deep thankfulness to submit a peace-time report after six years of war. Our minds turn in reverent and profound gratitude to God for His guidance and help throughout our long experience of anxiety and strain. Many have been the sacrifices exacted, and heavy indeed the price that has been paid in the course of this victorious struggle. It is hard to believe that any other section of the Empire can have come through less war-scarred than South Africa. The School itself to my mind has suffered far more lightly in the way of deprivation and make-shift than one could ever have forecast. We have indeed felt the pressure of these years in regard to staffing—as have all the schools in the Union and the situation is as yet very little eased. One threatening aspect for the future lies in the ever-soaring cost of living requirements. This weighs particularly heavily on a school with such a large department of boarders as St. John's has.

We opened in January with Miss Michell and Miss J. Norman as new members of the staff, and welcomed Mrs. Talbot once more to its ranks. Mrs. Leith (Mathematics) was notified of her passage to England early in June, and we were fortunate indeed in being able to replace her—with the loss of barely a day's teaching—by Mr. H. Leach. Later in the year we bade farewell to Miss Eunice Egan who, on July 17th, was married to Capt. Gordon Beale. Miss Egan had done  $6\frac{1}{2}$  years' teaching here as Head of the K.G., and had witnessed its growth from 12 to an average of about 45 children. She has been succeeded by Mrs. Allen. In the middle of June the Games Mistress, Miss D. Campbell, was unable to continue her work on account of ill-health. From that date we have been forced to carry on the Games and Gymnastics with a number of temporary appointments. We are grateful to Mrs. M. T. Jackson, a former Games Mistress on the staff, for all the help she has given us, especially in running the swimming lessons and the remedials, and in seeing to our various fixtures. Miss N. Randow was appointed to this post by our agency in London on April 30th, but has only just secured her passage out. This has no doubt been an excellent training in patience for both Miss Randow and me, but it has not been good for our Games nor for the general deportment in the school. For a full month Miss Naomi Henderson has been helping with the sport and physical culture, and has been of invaluable assistance. We have bidden farewell to Mrs. Cyril Relph, with a keen realisation of the loss she will be in the Domestic Science Department. She carries with her our good wishes for her future happiness.



Mr. H. Leach will undertake the Mathematics in the Upper School next year, and we are keenly appreciative of the benefit our pupils will derive from a master of such long experience. Miss Edith Howell has been the Senior Music Mistress here since 1941. She has done much to maintain the pianoforte music at a high level, and, most valuable of all, has instilled a real love of good music into her pupils, all of whom feel keen regret at her leaving. Miss Howell will be succeeded next year by Miss Phyllis Goodwin, whose work is well known in Maritzburg. Miss Paxton leaves now to take up an appointment at the Cape. Many of our younger children will long cherish the memory of their happy Afrikaans lessons with Miss Paxton. Part of her mission has been to put into practice the experiment of teaching one of the subjects of the curriculum through the medium of Afrikaans. I am fully in favour of this project and mean to further it as we go on.

The health of the School has been good throughout the year. The K.G. was ravaged by measles last August, but there have been no epidemics in the boarding department. Our special thanks are due to Dr. Michel-Smith for his care of the School health.

Numbers have been well maintained. We could accommodate more day pupils, but the numbers of these will probably always be small while so many good schools exist, with free tuition as a counter attraction.

Various efforts have been made throughout the year in aid of War Funds and for post-war claims. Most notable of these was the production of "Twelfth Night," of which two performances were given to packed houses. I am not alone in the opinion that the play was an outstanding success; it was produced by Mrs. Murray; the players were splendidly trained, and an unforgettable touch was added by the very lovely period costumes which Mrs. Murray procured for them—costumes correct in every detail and of lovely fabric and colour. The audience gained a good impression of the simplicity of the Elizabethan stage, as the setting strictly conformed to this, and was worked out and executed with a fine effect by Mrs. Murray and Miss Norman. About £190 has been raised by various efforts throughout the year, and expended upon certain charities and the School Reference Library.

Eighteen girls were confirmed in the School Chapel by the Bishop on June 26th.

Miss Abraham's elocution pupils gave a good recital to the rest of the School early in the year. A good number of entries had been made for the Afrikaans Eisteddfod, early in May, but the V.E. holiday intervened and only seven participated. Our choirs, and a certain number of the elocution pupils, took part in the Eisteddfod organised by the South African Music Teachers' Association, and all acquitted themselves well. Special mention should be made of Joyce Salmon, who gained one gold, three silver and two bronze awards.

At Mr. A. T. Allison's request some girls wrote essays on Bird Protection, and carried off four of the fourteen prizes he gave.

Field-Marshal Smuts' visit to Maritzburg was hailed with enthusiasm. The whole School, with the exception of pupils under Standard IV, took its allotted place in Church Street to greet him as he drove past, and was able to hear his speech—a privilege we had hardly dared to hope for.

The Juniors took part in a Nativity play this Advent. They gave three performances, which were presented with great reverence and simplicity—giving the Christmas Message in a lovely and touching setting.

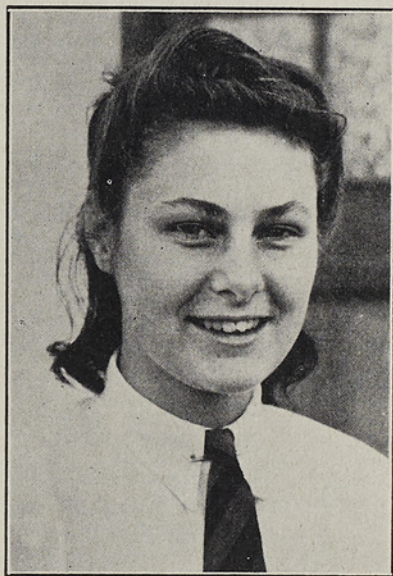
I referred, in my last report, to the arrangements being made for a Music Camp to be held at the School in January of this year. It took place as planned and proved an outstanding success, due, mainly, to the able direction of Mr. Cyril

Wright, splendidly seconded by the Camp Mother, Mrs. Wright, and the Camp Secretary, Miss Phyllis Wright. I think all we had hoped for from this big effort, the first of its kind in South Africa, was ably summarised in the words of the Mayor, Mrs. W. A. D. Russell, on closing the camp, when she said that men and women of today were facing a difficult world, in which it was important to have the power to enjoy those things that could not be taken away. I hope that Music Camps will be a feature of our South African holiday diversions for all time.

The Prefects for the year have been Shirley Thorne, Head Girl, Mary Balcomb, Jean Stead and Wendy Forsyth Thompson. The School owes a great debt to them for their loyal service. Shirley has set a standard for the office of Head Girl which will indeed be a challenge to all her successors. To herself, and the Prefects and to all who are leaving the School, we offer our warm good wishes for success and happiness.

It has been no light task to keep the School staffed and running efficiently in this difficult year, with its many disturbances, but the burden has been eased by the loyal and happy co-operation of the Staff, to one and all of whom I offer my thanks for their valued service and for all they have done for the School—particularly to Mrs. Murray, who has fulfilled her duties of Senior Mistress during Miss Tamblyn's absence.

I close with good wishes to all our guests, Staff, and pupils for a very blessed Christmas and much happiness in the New Year.



WINNER OF THE OLD GIRLS' BURSARY, 1945.

P. Milner-Smyth.



## Examination Results, 1945

The entries for 1945 were as follows :—School Leaving Certificate, 7 ; Junior Certificate, 22 ; P.S.C., 18 ; Laër Taalbond, — ; Voorbereidende, —.

### Matriculation—

II Cl. : S. Thorne, J. Stead.

### School Leaving Certificate—

II Cl. : R. Chater.

III Cl. : P. Henwood, J. Stedman, W. Forsyth-Thompson.

These girls have written the Supplementary Examination this year, and we trust they have gained the Matriculation exemption.

### Junior Certificate—

I : J. Bruce, Jo. Henwood, N. Little, P. Lowe.

II : N. Bryce, A. Carr, A. Dales, M. Holey, M. Milne, P. Milner-Smyth, P. Goodman, D. Stedman.

III : D. Hindle, P. Hosking, B. Little, N. Nevill, U. Phillips, Je. Henwood, Y. Johnson, S. Lambert.

P.S.C.—Continuation Certificate—J. Catchpole, M. Cockcroft, L. Coffey, C. Gaisford, J. Harrison, A. Harward, B. Martin, S. Rattray, N. Stedman, T. Stratton, S. Upfold, M. Ussher, S. Wallis, A. Walters, R. Wheeler, V. Brown.

A bursary was awarded to T. Stratton. School Leaving Certificate : L. Eaton, M. Black.

### Laër Taalbond—

Hoer Graad : M. Burman.

Laër Graad : T. Fricker, J. Heyns, J. King, B. Lambert, R. Mossop, P. Pembroke, J. Thorburn. (No. failures.)

### Voorbereidende—

16 entered—13 passed.

### Commercial Examinations, 1945—

National Senior Bookkeeping : P. Mossop, J. Stedman.

National Senior Typewriting : P. Mossop.

National Intermediate Typewriting : J. Heyns, J. King, P. Pembroke.

National Intermediate Bookkeeping : P. Pembroke.

National Junior Typewriting : L. Marshall, J. Thorburn (both with distinction).

National Junior Bookkeeping : L. Marshall (with distinction).

Shorthand : J. King (60 words per minute) (with distinction).

Cape Pianoforte, Higher Division—J. McKenzie.

Elementary Division—A. McKenzie.

Cape Sight Singing—Elementary—

### Honours—

W. Thompson, J. McKenzie, P. Mossop, G. Tedder.

### Honourable Mention—

P. Lowe, R. Mossop.

### Pass—

B. Lambert, P. Milner-Smyth, V. Phillips.

### TROPHIES—SPORTS CUPS

Inter-House Swimming : Rhodes (W. Thompson).

Inter-House Hockey : Connaught (S. Thorne).

Senior Tennis Singles Championship : L. Marshall.

*Junior Tennis Singles Championship* : M. Ussher.

*Highest Aggregate* : Rhodes (W. Thompson).

*Inter-House Choral Competition* : Connaught (S. Thorne).

*Special Elocution Prize* : Spoken Prose. Mrs. Oswald Harwin offered a special prize for the best "Spoken Prose." Girls from three schools were chosen for the finals, and Joyce Salmon won the award.

*Head Girl Trophy* : S. Thorne.

## School Chronicle

1945

- APRIL 27-28 Forms VIA and B presented "Twelfth Night," produced by Mrs. F. Murray. The performance was a success; the proceeds, £74 10s., were donated to P.O.W. Fund, Red Cross, School Library.
- MAY 9 Victory in Europe. The School assembled in the Chapel for a short Thanksgiving Service, then dispersed for four days in celebration.
- MAY 19 The St. John's Dance. A most happy time was enjoyed by all from "St. Josephs." Parents danced gaily. The hall looked charming, and as for the supper, the following remark from three small folk, "May we rest, and go on again," speaks volumes.
- MAY 23 Kindergarten and Junior School Sports were held, also a small Produce Sale. The proceeds, £26, were donated to the Cripples Home, B.E.S.L., Air Force.
- MAY 23 A party of Senior Girls went to hear the Opera "The Tales of Hoffmann" which was delightfully sung by the National Opera Co.
- MAY 25 Miss I. Marwick, Senior Matron, No. 8 General Hospital, gave a most interesting talk on her experiences in Egypt and Italy.
- JUNE 9 A party of girls saw the film describing the care and treatment of the Crippled Children at Uplands; the film was shown at the Twentieth Century Cinema.
- JUNE 25 The Inter-House Singing Competition was held and kindly judged by Mrs. E. Harwin. The winning House was Connaught. A short programme of Music and Elocution followed.
- JUNE 26 The Lord Bishop of Natal held a Confirmation in the School Chapel. 18 Candidates presented themselves. The parents and friends were entertained to tea in the Library afterwards.
- JUNE 27 Mlle. Shremborz spoke most movingly to the Senior Girls on the poignancy of the Polish sufferings in Warsaw.
- AUG. 16-17 V-J. Day. End of the World War. Two days holiday were granted to the School.
- AUG. 24 Field-Marshal J. C. Smuts visited Maritzburg. The St. John's Girls took their part in the welcome accorded him; they were privileged in hearing his inspiring speech.
- SEPT. 15 The Senior Forms went to the University Fete and were thoroughly interested in the various demonstrations.
- OCT. 13 Form VIB held a Produce Sale which was most successful, the sum of £57 was donated to "Salute to Britain" and the Form VI Reference Library.
- DEC. 10 Sister Pauline presented a most charming and moving Nativity Play. All taking part were from the Junior School.
- DEC. 11 Form VI went to see the Munro-Inglis Co. in the witty costume play "And So to Bed."



- DEC. 12 Form VIB entertained VIA. A most mirthful and energetic evening was spent—Games, Dancing, Laughter.
- DEC. 14 Trophy Distribution by Mr. E. Wilks, M.P.E.
- FEB. 20 The Senior School saw "Henry V," an outstandingly beautiful film enjoyed by all.
- MARCH 9 Dr. Blair gave an illuminating talk on Social Work among the Natives at Edendale.
- MARCH 16 Miss F. Abraham's pupils entertained the School with a selection of Poems.
- MARCH 23 The Inter-House Swimming Competitions were held—a most diverting entertainment. Rhodes House came first.
- MARCH 27 The School thoroughly enjoyed the highly spectacular Pantomime "Aladdin."
- MARCH 30 Mev. van den Bos gave a lecture in the Hall on the products and industries of Holland at the present day. Mev. Van den Bos is a member of the Diplomatic Corps of the Netherlands Government. She spoke in fluent English and enchanted her audience with her delightful personality. After the lecture she and Tienieke van Ysendyk hailed each other as compatriots.
- APRIL 3 The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Consecration of our Bishop, who has been Bishop of Natal since 1929. The Prefects wrote a letter of greeting to the Bishop, conveying the congratulations and good wishes of the girls.

Towards the end of last year the School was visited by the Mother General of the Community of St. Mary the Virgin, Wantage. The beautiful statue of the Virgin and Child taken from the Epiphany Group is a replica of the group executed by the Mother General. She was enthusiastic over the lovely surroundings of our School, and showed much interest in the work of the Crafts Class.

## Prizegiving, 1945

THIS took place on December 14th. It opened with a brief programme of music, and selections from General Eisenhower's speech at the Guild Hall on receiving the Freedom of the City of London, spoken by Joyce Salmon. An interval for morning tea followed, during which an exhibition of Art and Needlework was inspected by the visitors. Then came the distribution of Trophy and School Certificates. Miriam England presented a bouquet to Mrs. Wilks. Father Cockburn presided, and introduced Mr. E. C. Wilks, M.E.C., who made a very able and fine speech in which he said that it was felt in Natal that the time had arrived when there should be a wider concept of Education; that we should direct our Education system on the principle that we had to provide a moral standard and a true understanding of life, which would be of value to the children as they went through life.

One of the great problems of the future was going to be the utilisation of leisure; therefore, he felt very strongly the need for cultural education in all schools, so that every child might be taught to take an interest in music, the drama, the arts, so that they would have something of inestimable value which would carry them through the world.

He then presented the Certificates. Father Alston made a speech of thanks to Mr. Wilks. On the platform, in addition to the Reverend Mother and the Sister-in-Charge, were the Director of Education and Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Wilks, and Mr. and Mrs. Halm.

## Chapel Notes

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OUTSTANDING among the beautiful services held in the School Chapel during the last twelve months were those held at the conclusion of the second world war. On V.E. Day the whole School, Day Scholars and Staff alike, assembled in Chapel for a Service of Thanksgiving which had been specially drawn up by the Chaplain. On the morning of August 16th, V.J. Day, a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving was offered.

The Festival Mass on St. John's Day was beautiful and inspiring. The choir excelled themselves and the girls who helped in the Sanctuary took their part with dignity and reverence. We were very glad to see so many Old Girls and visitors present.

The 22nd anniversary of the Dedication of the School Chapel was commemorated on June 24th, with a Festival Mass; the girls assisting as before.

A Confirmation Service was held on June 26th, when 18 candidates were presented from the School—these girls made their first Communion on June 28th.

We are very grateful to Sister Winifred for renovating the School Banner which was badly in need of repair.

We should like to thank the Chapel Monitresses, P. Lowe and P. Milner-Smyth, for their reliable and efficient help, and to welcome their successors, P. Sankey and J. McKenzie, also W. Thompson and J. Thorburn, who have played for many services.

## Library Notes

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"BOOKS are good companions."

The year 1945 saw many new books added to the Library, and many more girls are making use of these books.

Special thanks are due to Peggie Mossop and Barbara A'Bear, who gave up so much of their time to the Library.

We are now the proud possessors of a beautiful Library Notice Board, exquisitely carved by Mrs. Rose, which was bought with part of the proceeds from the VIB Fete, held in November.

We extend our thanks to the following people for their generous gifts of books:

Madam Mayor, Mrs. W. A. D. Russell, Miss Balston, in memory of Mrs. E. A. Colepeper, Mrs. Goss. Dr. and Mrs. Michel-Smith, V. Phillips, B. A'Bear, D. Barker.

The recent additions are:—

### *Reference Library:*

"Lovely is the Sea," by R. Gibbings.

"London Triumphant," by S. Jones.

"Thames Triumphant," by S. Jones.

"Four Victorian Ladies," by E. Oliver.

"East is West," by F. Stark.

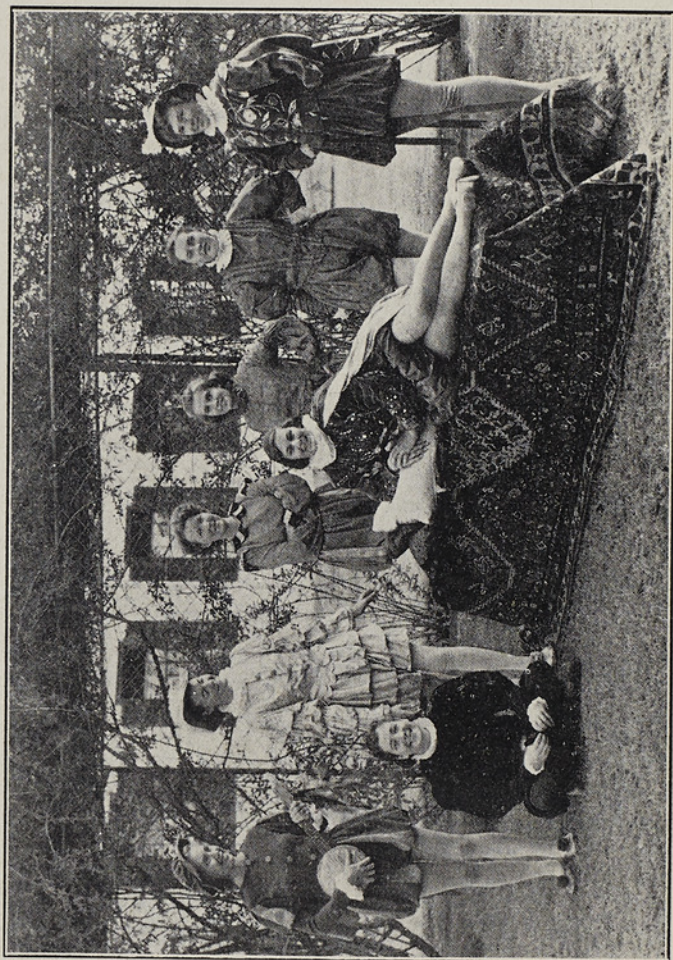
"Our Hearts were Young and Gay," by C. Otis-Skinner.

Albatross Book of Poetry.

The Nations Pictures.

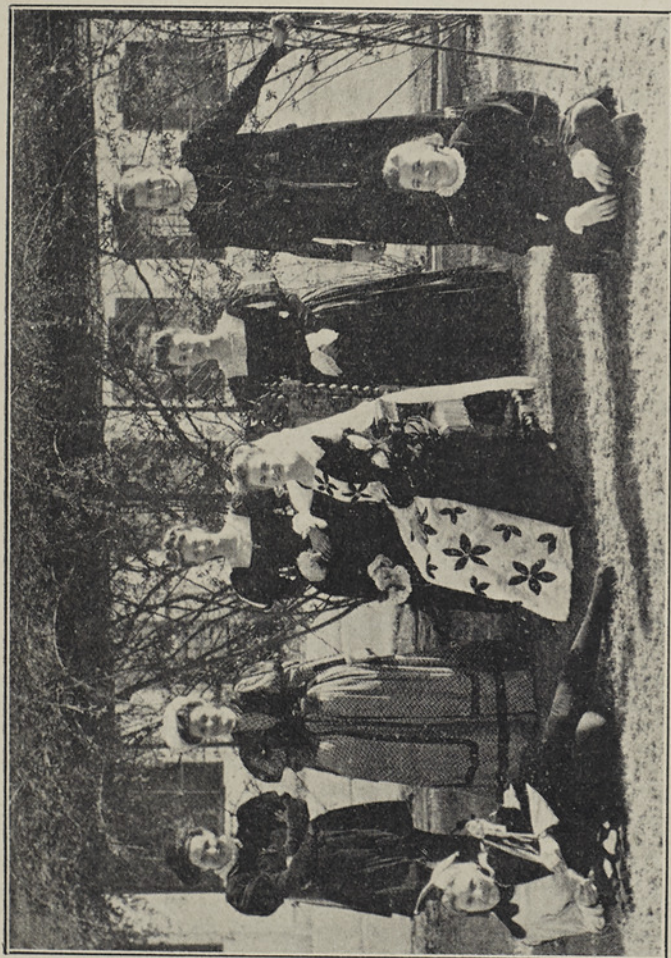






"TWELFTH NIGHT"





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## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

The Curtain will be lowered between the Scenes, but there will be only ONE INTERVAL after Act II.

## ACT I

Scene 1	-	-	The Duke's Palace.	Scene 3	-	-	Olivia's House.
„ 2	-	-	The Sea Coast.	„ 4	-	-	The Duke's Palace.
				Scene 5	-	-	Olivia's House.

## ACT II

Scene 1	-	-	The Sea Coast	„ 4	-	-	The Duke's Palace.
„ 2	-	-	A Street.	„ 5	-	-	Olivia's Garden.
„ 3	-	-	A Kitchen in Olivia's House.				

## INTERVAL OF TEN MINUTES

## ACT III

Scene 1	-	-	Olivia's Garden.	Scene 3	-	-	A Street.
„ 2	-	-	Olivia's House.	„ 4	-	-	Olivia's Garden.

## ACT IV

Scene 1	-	-	Olivia's House.	Scene 3	-	-	Olivia's Garden.
„ 2	-	-	A Cellar beneath Olivia's House.				

## ACT V

Scene 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Olivia's House.
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DIE STEM  
GOD SAVE THE KING

We wish to thank most sincerely The British Empire Shakespearean Society (Durban Branch), for the loan of costumes.

Miss J. Norman for Scenic effects ; Miss S. Howell and Miss N. Lamond for incidental music ; the Staff, Parents and friends who have helped in many ways.

## TWELFTH NIGHT

IT is difficult to write one's impression of the "Twelfth Night" performances without finding oneself caught up in a regular whirlwind of superlatives. Those who witnessed the play would agree, I think, that the superlatives are entirely justifiable. Reference is made in the Headmistress' Report to the actual production of the play and the opportunity now offers for going more fully into detail.

The audiences on both nights were appreciative, and this roused the players to a great effort, and their thorough enjoyment of their parts was infectious and most captivating. This was specially noticeable in the roystering scenes when Sir Toby and Sir Andrew held the stage, and of course, in the hedgerow scene with Malvolio.

Simplicity, with a perfectly artistic finish, was the keynote of the whole production. Mrs. Murray's unerring and sure touch was evident in the fine articulation of the players. We were given the rare enjoyment of hearing Shakespeare beautifully spoken, and many valued tributes were paid to this feature of the performance.

The team work was good, and I must close with a tribute to every girl who took part ; and lastly, but by no means least, I must offer our thanks to Mrs. Murray not only for the delight and enjoyment afforded by her fine production of "Twelfth Night," but for all she conferred upon the players in the way of most valuable training in so many departments of stage-craft.

+ MIRIAM, S.S.J.D.



## Music Notes

This year we are sorry to have had to say good-bye to Miss Howell, who has left us to take up an appointment at the Kaffrarian School, Kingwilliamstown. We now extend our warm welcome to Miss Phyllis Goodwin, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., M.R.S.T., who has taken the post of Senior Music Mistress.

To our deep regret Miss Hooper has had to resign owing to illness after many years of loyal service to St. John's. We are glad to know that she is now in good health.

Our membership of the Students' Music Club, which is affiliated to the Music Teachers' Society, continues to grow. We have enjoyed the programmes which have been arranged for us, and we are pleased to note that some of our Girls have contributed items. We are hoping to send two members from our School to the "Students" Orchestra, which is now being formed as a branch of Club activities.

In our Inter-House Singing Competition this last year, we invited Mrs. O. Harwin to adjudicate. After the competition a short programme of dancing, music and elocution was enjoyed by all present.

In December, Sister Pauline produced a Nativity Play with the Junior Girls. A delightful Christmas atmosphere was created by the sincere acting of the performers. The success of the evening was due to Sister Pauline.

The Senior and Junior Choirs took part in the Pietermaritzburg Eisteddfod, which was held in September.

## Games Report

### HOCKEY

THE 1st XI played well throughout the season and gained third place in the Maritzburg Schools Hockey League.

The 2nd XI made a good beginning and played steadily but they must be quicker all round.

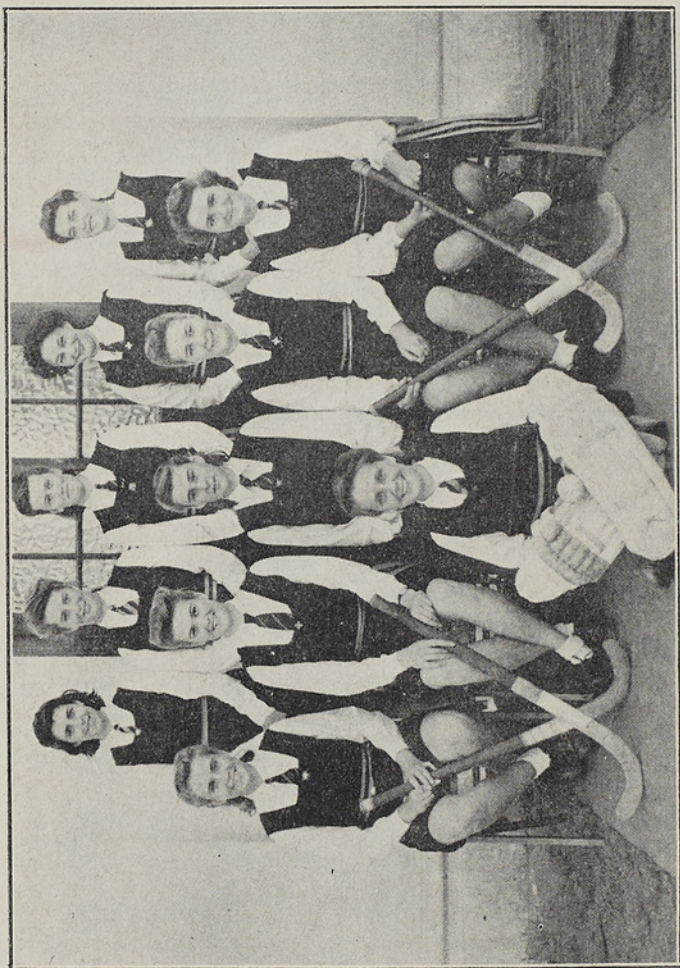
The Inter-House matches was won by Connaught House.

#### RESULTS OF LEAGUE FIXTURES

				1st XI.	2nd XI.
May	1	St. John's v. Epworth	.. ..	Won 2-0	Lost 0-2
May	17	St. John's v. Technical College	.. ..	Won 5-1	Won 7-0
May	19	St. John's v. Convent	.. ..	Won 4-0	Won 4-0
May	21	St. John's v. Wykeham	.. ..	Draw 3-3	Won 1-0
June	5	St. John's v. G.H.S.	.. ..	Lost 0-2	Lost 0-1
June	16	St. John's v. Voortrekker	.. ..	Draw 2-2	Won 1-0
June	20	St. John's v. Collegiate	.. ..	Won 3-1	Won 5-0
June	23	St. John's v. St. Anne's	.. ..	Draw 1-1	Lost 0-4

Teams, 1st XI: \*B. A'Bear, \*C. Hamilton, M. Balcomb, \*W. Thompson, M. Davidson, \*P. Henwood (Capt.), S. Thorne, G. Tedder, P. Goodman, P. Pembroke, J. Salmon.

2nd XI: P. Sankey, F. Laurens, J. Stead (Capt.), V. Phillips, B. Lambert, L. Marshall, A. Dales, J. Heyns, J. Thorburn, D. Hindle, S. Rattray.  
\*Colours.



1ST XI HOCKEY, 1945.

Standing : M. Davidson, P. Goodman, J. Salmon, M. Balcomb, P. Pembroke.  
 Sitting : G. Tedder, S. Thorne, P. Henwood (Captain), W. Thompson, C. Hamilton.  
 Sitting in front : B. A'Beir.



## TENNIS

The Tennis results were only fair; the Team needed harder and more concentrated effort to be successful.

## RESULTS OF LEAGUE FIXTURES

Sept. 2	St. John's v. St. Anne's .. .. .	Lost	88—29
Oct. 27	St. John's v. Technical .. .. .	Lost	60—54
Nov. 17	St. John's v. G.H.S. .. .. .	Lost	87—30
Nov. 24	St. John's v. Wykeham .. .. .	Lost	75—42
Dec. 8	St. John's v. Convent .. .. .	Won	59—58
Dec. 11	St. John's v. Epworth .. .. .	Rain	stopped play.

1st Tennis Team: W. Thompson (Capt.), G. Tedder, L. Marshall, M. Davidson, P. Pembroke, A. Dales.

## SWIMMING

## INTER-SCHOOLS GALA RESULTS

*Junior:*

- Aged 11. 25 yards: M. Esmond-White.
- Aged 10. 25 yards: R. Walters.
- Under 12. Breaststroke: R. Carr, M. Esmond-White.
- Under 12. Team Race: R. Carr, M. Esmond-White, R. Walters, M. Scott.
- Under 14. Team Race: A. Gregory, W. Bowman, A. Walters, L. Impey.

*Senior:*

- Aged 14. 50 Yards: W. Henwood.
- Aged 16 and over. J. Henwood.
- Aged 14 and over. Plain Diving: J. Henwood.
- Aged 16 and over: Backstroke: P. Lowe.
- Aged 14 and 15. Backstroke: W. Henwood.
- Aged 14 and 15. Breaststroke: P. Goodman.
- Aged 14 and 15. Team Race: W. Henwood, J. Henwood, B. Little, L. Chadwick.
- Aged 16 and over. Team Race: J. Henwood, B. Lambert, N. Bryce, S. Ratray.

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## Games Notes

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The most outstanding swimming event of this term—even overshadowing the Inter-School Gala—has been the Bloemfontein Centenary Inter-Provincial Schools Swimming Gala, held on March 9th. As a result of the Pietermaritzburg Trials (March 2nd), Pam Goodman (Breast Stroke) and Wendy Henwood (4th Man Relay Team Race) were in the team which represented Natal. The final score showed an overwhelming victory for our side and from reports our two members acquitted themselves highly satisfactorily.

This year's Inter-Schools Gala Day was a series of anti-climaxes. As the morning was bitterly cold and raining, no spectators were sent down in the afternoon to watch the Junior team, who tied third in the final order. Fortunately, towards evening, the weather cleared and St. John's were there in full force to watch a scratch Senior team gain second place. The Junior Inter-Town Relay Team Race was a highlight of the evening; Adele Walters raced as 3rd Man. The Senior Inter-Town Relay Team Race will take place on Wednesday, April 3rd, at the Durban Inter-Schools Gala; Wendy Henwood will be 4th Man in the team representing Pietermaritzburg.

On the whole, the standard of swimming throughout the School is of a high average. Most of the Girls, especially those in the Senior School, need to concentrate on diving. This was pointedly marked at the Inter-House Gala, held the day after the Inter-Schools Gala, a brilliantly sunny day. Rhodes held first place with fifty-six points; Athlone came a close second with fifty-two points; and Connaught brought up the rear with thirty-six points.

N. R. RANDOW, B.P.T.C.  
(Physical Training Mistress).

## St. John's Old Girls Association

### FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

With 1945 bringing us the end of the war, and with all the natural elation and excitement attaching to an event of such tremendous significance, it is hardly surprising that at the end of the year we found that the Association had not been as active as usual. Nevertheless, we have kept going, and our financial position is excellent, as will be seen from the attached statement.

We would like, firstly, to welcome back the many Old Girls who have been away on service, and we look forward to seeing many faces we've missed for several years at the next re-union.

Another welcome is to the following girls who have joined the Association during the past year.

Barbara A'Bear, Mary Balcomb, Rosemary Chater, Daphne Clarke (nee Evens), A. Dales, P. Houston, Y. Johnson, J. M. Stedman, Jean Stead, Shirley Thorne.

The 1946-1947 Bursary Holder is Pam Milner-Smyth and we wish her the best of luck.

No reports have been received from either the Durban or Johannesburg branches this year. We sincerely hope that now that petrol rationing and black-outs are things of the past, and conditions more normal, those members will renew their interest in the Association and once again give us their pre-war support.

The Annual Meeting was held in the School Library on May 6th, 1945, preceded by Mass in the School Chapel and breakfast with the present girls. There were eighteen Old Girls present. Sister Mary Richmal kindly took the Chair, assisted by Sister Miriam and Myrle Simkins (in the absence of the Chairman), and Joan Adnams (Secretary). The meeting was followed by tea in the Library.

A Jumble Sale was held in the Market Square on Sept. 13th, 1945, and another was held on March 2nd, 1946, which realised £13 12s. 6d. and £15 6s. 6d. respectively.

We are very glad to see Miss D. Tambllyn back and welcome her back to the Committee.

Joan Adnams was married in March, 1946, and as she is now living out of town finds it impossible to carry on the secretaryship. We are very sorry to lose her and would like to express our appreciation for the enthusiastic and able manner in which she carried out her duties.

In conclusion, we would just like to say a word about subscriptions. Many members during the past few years have allowed their subs. to lapse, and we would like to remind you that in the event of a member not paying for two years she will not receive a Magazine, and should she not pay for three years, her name will be taken off the membership roll.



At the close of the Financial Year the accounts showed as follows :—

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER, 1945.

LIABILITIES

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Bursary Fund</i> .. .. .	5	12	4			
Add amount invested .. .. .	375	0	0			
				380	12	4
<i>Life Membership Account</i> .. .. .	125	0	11			
Add amount invested .. .. .	50	0	0			
				175	0	11
<i>Association Account</i> .. .. .				51	15	3
				£607	8	6

ASSETS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Cash on Hand</i> .. .. .	1	8	1			
<i>Cash at Bank</i> .. .. .	180	9	4			
				181	17	5
<i>City Permanent Building Society Shares—</i>						
5 "A" Shares at £50 .. .. .	250	0	0			
7 "C" Shares at £25 .. .. .	175	0	0			
				425	0	0
<i>Magazine Account</i> .. .. .				11	1	
				£607	8	6

J. S. ASBURY (*Chairman*).

D. STREEK (*Acting Secretary*).

## News of Old Girls

ADDISON, HELEN and CHRISTELLE.—Have both just finished their training at Addington Hospital.

ANTEL, BARBARA.—Is working for Muriel Turnbull, a Florist, in Pietermaritzburg.

ARNOLD, BEATRICE.—Is now teaching at Vryheid and liking it very much.

ASBURY, JOAN.—Working in a Solicitor's Office in Maritzburg.

BARKER, BETTY (McNAB).—Recently visited Maritzburg and was one of the several Old Girls who enjoyed Joan Adnams' wedding.

BROOKES, MARGARET (HOUGHTON).—Is now living in Grahamstown where her husband is a Housemaster at St. Andrew's College. They have a fine family of three boys.

BRYDEN, DAPHNE (LAIRD).—Is now farming at Cato Ridge and liking it very much. She has two small children, Clifford and Cicely.

BARRETT, GWEN (LLOYD).—Is living in Maritzburg. Her eldest son who has been with the S.A.N.F. for two years is now home to her delight. She now has two sons at N.U.C. and one youngster still at Merchiston.

- BUTLER, JOAN (ADNAMS).—Joan married Desmond Butler in March and had a very happy wedding at which a number of Old Girls were present. She will now be living out of Maritzburg and so finds it impossible to carry on the Secretaryship of the O.G.A. We are very sorry indeed to lose her and wish her the best of luck.
- BAMBER, MARY.—Has been nursing at Addington and recently announced her engagement to Bob Burrows.
- BRAATVEDT, VERA.—Recently announced her engagement. Phyllis now has a baby daughter.
- BROWN, ELSIE.—Is working in an Accountant's Office at Umhlali and enjoys the work very much.
- BUCKLEY, JEAN.—Is nursing at Grey's Hospital.
- BOWER, JOAN.—Is taking a Social Science course at N.U.C., Durban, and finds the work very interesting.
- BROOME, JOAN (MILBORROW).—Is now living in Johannesburg with her husband and baby son. They recently spent a holiday in Maritzburg.
- BARRAS, SYBIL and NORMA.—Sybil is working for her father in Maritzburg, and Norma has not yet been released from the Army. She is stationed in Maritzburg, too. Both girls take a keen interest in the O.G.A.
- BALCOMB, MARY.—Is taking a course of Homecrafts at Wits. Tech. College at the moment. She hopes to start nursing at Grey's soon. Mary seems to enjoy life in Johannesburg.
- BENNETT, HONOR (BROWN).—Is now in her own home in Ladysmith, where the whole family is united after years of separation during the war.
- COLLIER, WINNIE (COLBORNE).—Has a lovely home in Chapel Street, Maritzburg, and is kept busy looking after it.
- CHAPMAN, ERICA.—Is at present at N.U.C. She was chosen to represent Natal in the Inter-Provincial Hockey Tournament in Bloemfontein, which was a very stout effort as she was by far the youngest in the team.
- CARBARN, MOLLY (LAWRENCE).—Molly and her small son, Ian, now live in Lymbrook Road, Scottsville, and Ian comes to our Kindergarten every day.
- CHATER, ROSEMARY.—Is living at home and will be taking a commercial course at the Natal Business College as from the 1st April.
- CLARKE, DAPHNE (EVENS).—Is now living in Maritzburg. Her husband is in the Government service and they were fortunate enough to get a flat in Theatre Lane.
- CHENNELS, ROSEMARY.—Is nursing in Durban. Recently spent a weekend in Maritzburg with Deena Streek.
- COCKS, PAT (SPEARMAN).—Is living in Durban and now that her husband has been released from the Navy they are busy trying to find a house. They have a lovely baby daughter, Jane.
- CARNE, JOAN (EVANS).—Is living in Vereeniging where her husband is employed.
- COMRIE, PEGGY (NICHOLSON).—Is living in Richmond, has two daughters, Lynne and Elizabeth.
- COULTER, ESMÉ (RAW).—Her husband has now been discharged from the Army and they have gone to live at the Cape with their two small daughters.
- CLARK, GETHIN (TALBOT).—Gethin is now living in Johannesburg. She was married in October and she and her husband were lucky enough to find a house in Johannesburg at once. Molly is working in Maritzburg and she and her mother now live in Bulwer Street. Molly is going to spend a holiday with Gethin after Easter.
- DORNING, SYLVIA.—Is now working in Maritzburg at Russell, Marshall and Stride.
- DE VILLIERS, ETHEL (GORDON).—Is now living in Bulawayo.



- DORNING, HILLARY.—Studying Pharmacy with Mr. Lambert in Maritzburg and finds the work very interesting.
- DYER, VALERIE.—Has just been released after several years in the Military Nursing service and is being married in April in Maritzburg.
- DON WAUCHOPE, ESME (HODGES).—Recently spent a holiday with Mary Stacey (Oxland), and Jeanne Lidgett (Oxland), and took her two boys, aged 6 and 7, with her. Esme is trying to get a passage to Scotland for herself and her sons, and we hope she will be lucky in this respect.
- EDKINS, SYLVIA.—Is now working in Rhodesia and recently announced her engagement to Basil Deall. She intends being married in April.
- FENN, DEHLIA and DULCIE.—Both sisters are nursing, Dulcie at the Johannesburg General and we are not quite sure where Dehlia is.
- FLETCHER, BETTY.—Working in an office in Durban; has recently visited the School.
- GILSON, MERYL.—Is still kept very busy in her very interesting job with Mr. McMahon, the Kidney Specialist, in Durban.
- GALLIERS, EDNA (DORNING).—Is kept very busy looking after her small daughter and son.
- GACE, BETTY (BLACKLER).—Betty and her husband now live at Devon Barton and Betty is kept very busy housekeeping.
- GRAY, PEGGY.—Has a most interesting post as Secretary of "The Nest," Hotel, in the Drakensberg.
- GALAGHER, DOROTHY (MUNDY).—Recently returned from up North and has now been discharged and is living in Durban.
- HART, GERALDINE (DORNING).—Is very happy running her own home in Zwartberg.
- HENWOOD, PAT.—Now taking her first year course at N.U.C.
- HENWOOD, HELEN.—Is a third year student at the N.U.C. in Maritzburg.
- HENWOOD, PAM.—Is working in Pietermaritzburg at Barlows, Ltd.
- HALLOWES, HELEN (CHENNELS).—Visited Maritzburg last year from Kenya with her two small sons.
- HART, FRANCES.—Is nursing at Addington Hospital.
- HARMAN, THEO.—Is nursing at the Johannesburg General Hospital.
- HOOD, IRIS (HOUGHTON).—Is now living in Kokstad and has three children, Wendy, Diana and Christopher. Iris tells us her children play with Juliana Taylor's (Drew) and Nina Elliott's (van der Riet) children. Juliana and Nina are both Old Girls, now living in Kokstad.
- HOUSTON, PAT.—Taking a course at the Technical College, Maritzburg.
- HILL, BETTY (ADAMS).—Has just moved into a lovely new home at Sandringham, Johannesburg. Her husband has just been released from the Army. They have two sons, David and John.
- INMAN, AUDREY.—Now has a very interesting post in Durban with the "Daily News." Joy has been released from the Army and is also working in Durban. They and their mother live in Overdale Road in a flat.
- JONES, PENELOPE.—Is nursing in Johannesburg at the Johannesburg General.
- JOHNSON, YVONNE.—Now living with her sister in Johannesburg.
- LAURENS, JOAN.—Is working in the Post Office, in Greytown, and likes the work very much.
- LAIRD, CICELY.—Is working in Cape Town at the Visitors' Information Bureau, and finds the work very varied and interesting, and often very amusing, too.
- LOWE, SIEGRID.—Is a student at Howard College. Has recently visited the School.

- LAUF, JEAN (WESTBROOK).—Is living in Johannesburg, and loving it. She and Olive Dale are now sisters-in-law, both having married Lauf brothers! Jean and her husband flew to Katberg for their honeymoon and what with flying for the first time, and going into their own home in Germiston, Jean is very thrilled with life.
- MURRAY, ELIZABETH.—Has a bookkeeping job in London and shares a flat with a friend. Rations and queues seem to hold few terrors for her and she looks on the funny side of it all.
- MARTIN, MARY (MURRAY).—Has a little daughter, Jennifer, who is the pride of the Grandparents' hearts.
- MINCHIN, NANCE.—Is helping on the farm in East Griqualand. She is engaged. Elaine is the proud mother of a two months old baby, Elizabeth. She is hoping to get a passage to America soon, to join her husband.
- MCDUGALL, ELIZABETH.—Is working in the Maritzburg Health Department.
- MCCALMAN, PAULINE.—Has recently returned from Italy, where she was nursing. She had a very interesting time and did a good deal of sight-seeing. She is engaged and will be married in April to Dr. Frank Gutsche. Kathleen has just been married and is now Mrs. James Siddle.
- MCDONALD, ROSEMARY.—Obtained her B.A. degree at the end of last year at N.U.C. Now taking her U.E.D. Helped with some coaching at St. John's last year.
- MIDGLEY, JEAN.—Is nursing at Grey's Hospital.
- MATRAVERS, JOAN.—Recently returned from Italy, where she was in the W.A.A.S. She and Marian Robinson were together up there for a long time.
- MIDDLETON, MOLLY.—Is now working in Johannesburg.
- MOODIE, PADDY.—Has been nursing at the Berea Nursing Home for a short time and will soon be going to Grey's to continue her training.
- MOSSOP, PEGGY.—Is working in an office in Durban.
- MORRIS, MARY (BELLEW).—Mary, or Dr. Morris, has now accepted an appointment in a hospital, near Keiskamashoek. Good luck, Mary.
- OLIVIER, EDITH (FAIRBROTHER).—Is now living at Blackhill in the Transvaal and is kept very busy with her three children. Trevor is the most recent arrival.
- PENNINGTON, DOREEN (RAW).—Is living at Michaelhouse, where her husband is on the teaching staff.
- PEERMAN, JEAN.—Is living in Johannesburg and teaches riding at the Erin Stables. At the moment she is very busy practising for the Rand Show and is hoping to come to Maritzburg in June, to jump at the Show here.
- PEYCKE, JUNE (POPE-ELLIS).—June recently married Jack Peycke and is living just out of Maritzburg.
- ROBINSON, MARIAN (Staff Sergt. W.A.A.S. Middle East Command).—Was awarded the B.E.M. in the New Year's Honours List. She has returned to Maritzburg after 3½ years service in Egypt and Italy.
- RORICH, MURIEL (DORNING).—Is now living at Scottsville. She has two children, Julian and Shelagh. Lively young Julian goes to St. John's Kindergarten every day.
- ROSSOUW, JOY (ANDERSON).—Is now living in Johannesburg.
- RAWLINS, HAZEL.—We hear Hazel has recently left for England. We hope she will let us know how she is getting on and what she is doing from time to time. Helen lives in Rhodesia, with her husband and children.
- ROWNTREE, JOAN MARY (SLATER).—Is living in Johannesburg with her parents and is expecting her husband back from England any time now. She has a little daughter Helen.



- SMITH, DORA (WELSFORD).—Dora has just married Fred Smith, and is now living in Maritzburg.
- SMITH, TAFFY (RHIND).—Now lives at Rondebosch, and is now discharged from the S.W.A.N.S. after several years service. She paid a short visit to Maritzburg in November.
- STANFORD, CYNTHIA.—Taking second year course at Witwatersrand University.
- STEAD, JEAN.—Is working in her father's office just outside Maritzburg. Her father has a Dairy Farm and Jean finds the work most interesting.
- STREEK, DEENA (CLAYTON).—Is now living in Maritzburg. Her husband is in the Government service, and Deena is teaching at the Boys' Model School. She takes a keen interest in the O.G.A. and has been Acting Secretary since Joan Adnams recently married.
- SIMKINS, MERLE.—Has not yet been discharged from the Army and is at present stationed at Hay Paddock. She has been chosen to represent Natal in the Victory Parade U.D.F. Contingent.
- SMITH, BETTY (DRUMMOND).—Is living in the Transvaal with her husband and children.
- STEDMAN, JEAN.—Living with her parents at home for the present.
- STEAD, JEAN.—At home, and helping her father.
- SHORE, AGNES.—Is teaching shorthand and typing at the Benoni Junior High School—using her teacher's certificate after 20 years! Stout effort. She loves it, and the hours are not too arduous so she still has time for her home and small son. She sends the school and Old Girls her best wishes.
- THORNE, BERYL.—Is taking a Social Science course at the N.U.C., Durban. Shirley is at the Collegiate taking a course in Kindergarten instruction.
- THOMPSON, WENDY FORSYTH.—Is taking a Domestic Science course in Johannesburg at the Wits. Technical College. She and Mary Balcomb are together, and get a lot of fun out of life. Joan is also working in Johannesburg. She is engaged to Len Butt and they hope to be married soon and are frantically house-hunting. Wendy has recently visited the School.
- TODD, DIANNE.—Has sailed for England to train for orthopaedic nursing.
- VOWLES, PEGGY.—Is taking a Librarian course in Cape Town and finds it most interesting work, specialising in music.
- WORTHINGTON, MARGARET.—Is nursing at Grey's. She has just announced her engagement to Orion Wolmarans.
- WILLIAMS, PEGGY (FORDER).—Is living in Dundee and is kept very busy with her small son, Maurice John, aged four months, and also with house-hunting. She sees a lot of Billy Wright, and recently heard from Jill Glass, who is well and enjoying life in Rhodesia.
- WESTBROOK, ESME.—Is Staff Nursing at Grey's Hospital, and is engaged to Pat Perfect. She recently spent a holiday in Germiston with Jean, as did Shirley, who is staying at home and farming in a big way.
- WRIGHT, PHYLLIS.—Is still teaching in Dundee and is very happy there. Pauline is on the staff at Scottsville Government School and takes a keen interest in the School and the Old Girls' Association.
- WOOD, BETTY.—Has now been discharged from Special Signals and is in Pretoria doing Research work, which she finds most interesting and instructive.
- WALSHAW, ROYCE.—Is working in Durban at William Palmer & Son. She recently visited Maritzburg to be bridesmaid to Joan Adnams.
- WOODROW (CLARE POPHAM).—Has arrived safely in England and writes happily from her home in London.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mary Bamber to Bob Burrows.  
 Margaret Worthington to Orion Wolmarans.  
 Vera Braatvedt to Mr. Nel.  
 Esme Westbrook to Pat Perfect.  
 Doris Meuman to George Deas.  
 Joan Forsyth Thompson to Len Butt.  
 Nance Minchin to Angus Gilchrist.  
 Nellie Christie to Ken Stewart.  
 Kathleen Middleton to K. Toule.

## MARRIAGES

Joan Adnams to Desmond Butler.  
 June Pope-Ellis to Jack Peycke.  
 Jean Westbrook to John Lauf.  
 Mary Cross to V. M. Middlewick.  
 Gethin Talbot to Ken Clark.  
 Kathleen McCalman to James Siddle.  
 Pauline McCalman to Frank Gutsche.  
 Sylvia Edkins to Basil Deall.  
 Joy McKenzie to Frank Holmes.  
 Dora Welsford to Fred Smith.

## BIRTHS

Dr. and Mrs. Kally (Yvonne Anderson), a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. McLean (Betty McKenzie), a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. L. Cocks (Pat Spearman), a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Phipps (Elaine Minchin), a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Williams (Peggy Forder), a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Olivier (Edith Fairbrother), a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. D. Broome (Joan Milborrow), a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bazley (Phyllis Braatvedt), a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bilio (Vera Meuman), a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Hill (Betty Adams), a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Ritchie, a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Middlewick (Mary Cross), a daughter.

**R.I.P.**

CLARE KENNEDY.—Daughter of Audrey Kennedy (nee Thorpe). Passed away in January after a severe illness. We offer our sincere sympathy to Audrey and her husband.

## News of Staff

MISS PHYLLIS GOODWIN, who joined the staff this year, was married on March 18th to Mr. Rex Brown, who has just arrived from England.

MISS DOROTHY TAMBLYN received a warm welcome when she returned to St. John's after a year's absence, and resumed her post as Senior Mistress.



MRS. GORDON BEALE (Miss Eunice Egan) is now living in Port Elizabeth.

MRS. C. RELPH now lives in Maritzburg and has frequently visited the School.

MISS EDITH HOWELL has announced her engagement to Mr. Alan Bennett, and is teaching in Kingwilliamstown.

MRS. PRYCE (Miss Dorothy Campbell) is now living in Johannesburg. Telegraphed her good wishes on the eve of the Municipal Swimming Gala.

MISS PAXTON holds a post at Pinelands, Cape.

MRS. PILTER and CRYSTAL are now living in their own home at Slough, in England, where they have been joined by Mr. Pilter, after his years of internment in Singapore.

MRS. LEITH and OLIVER are now in their own home at Banstead, in Surrey.

MISS PERCIVAL CLARKE is flying to England as soon as she can get a passage.

MISS BERTRAM maintains a keen interest in the School, and recently wrote to send her congratulations on the good results of the 1945 examinations.

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## I Love to See

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I love to see the rain-drops  
Falling on the pane,  
It reminds me of the fairies  
Dancing in the rain.  
I love to see the rainbow  
In the heavens grey,  
It reminds me of the fairies  
Hanging out their frocks so gay.  
I love to see the sunshine  
Shining through the rain,  
It reminds me of the fairies  
Skipping down the lane.

D. LEPPAN, STD. V.

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## Ponies

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The leader of the ponies stood  
With coat of dazzling white,  
Upon the ridge, awaiting  
The challenge to a fight.

His playful band of ponies  
Frisked in the valley below,  
Their coats of roan and chestnut  
Contrasting with the snow.

L. DIX, STD. VI.

## Bloemfontein Centenary Gala

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After a comfortable and very interesting journey, we arrived in Bloemfontein, where we were met by Miss Pentelow, who conducted us to the Grand Hotel, where we stayed during our visit.

The following morning the whole team walked to the swimming baths to race off the heats. The baths were situated in a beautiful place surrounded by trees and bordered with lovely green grass.

The heats were almost as exciting as a real gala, and we found, to our greatest delight, that twelve competitors from our team had managed to get into the finals.

In the afternoon, all the competing teams were invited to tea by the City Council. The afternoon was spent at King's Park, where we also saw the zoo, which contains the famous ligers, which are a cross between a lion and a tiger.

Then came the great thrill—Saturday evening—which was bright and clear, with scarcely a breath of wind to break the night. There was an enormous crowd at the baths; it was estimated that over six thousand people were present. It was almost frightening to think they had all come to watch us.

Event followed event, and the excitement was tremendous. Only one record was broken, but all the races were very thrilling. In the fifty yards Girls' Breast-stroke, all the competitors were together in the first forty yards, then towards the last ten yards Moira Missing and I broke away and came first and second respectively.

Until the team race, all the teams were very close in marks, but Wendy Henwood swam magnificently as the last girl in the Relay and this brought the team to first place; we knew then that the gala belonged to Natal.

Natal were the winners, with Boys twenty-four points and Girls twenty-three.

On Sunday morning we all swam, and then climbed Naval Hill, which domineers over Bloemfontein. We saw the Observatory and other interesting places. In the afternoon we were driven out to Mazelspoort, which is a pleasure resort fifteen miles out of Bloemfontein. It is very beautiful, with swimming baths dotted about, and the Modder River flowing through the trees.

We spent part of the evening on Naval Hill, watching the lights of the town, and we also saw the fountain in the City Square which had lights beneath it which changed the spray into all colours of the rainbow. We finished our day by seeing the Northern Natal team off.

On Monday morning we left for home, and as the train steamed out of the station, the team sang the Natal wacry, and we also ornamented the compartments with chalk remarks on the victorious team.

At length we arrived in Maritzburg on Tuesday morning early, feeling very tired, but, oh! so glad that we had helped to make Natal once more victorious.

"Good old 'Banana Team.'"

PAMELA GOODMAN, VIB.



## Speed

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Horses, galloping like the wind,  
With tails streaming and manes flying.  
Rippling muscles 'neath glossy coats,  
Each hoof-beat the last replying.

Such speed. Those thundering hooves  
Through glen and dale are pounding,  
With mighty leaps they take a gorge  
And on, their stride resounding.

'Tis evening, and that weary herd  
Rests, in the shadowy dark of trees,  
Their heaving sides and sweating flanks  
Are gently cooled by a whispering breeze.

A. WALTERS, VB.

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## The Swimmers

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The pool glimmers in the moonlight  
A shimmering sheet of silver-white.

Down they come those swimmers four,  
Treading o'er the pebbly floor.

Bodies submerge in the crystal stream,  
Racing the fish which glitter and gleam.

An arm uplifted facing the sky,  
A kick, a splash, a form gone by.

Now they rise from the water deep,  
As Grecian figures from their sleep.

PAMELA GOODMAN, VIB.

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## The Stream

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It ripples down the shady glen  
Amid the ferns so green,  
Its banks are decked in beauty,  
With moss of glorious sheen.

The water ripples gently,  
And sings its own sad song,  
Its course, it never changeth  
It ripples slowly on.

But whither are thou going  
Along the same sad track?  
Art thou never weary?  
Ne'er wish thou to turn back?

There must be something at the end,  
No human mind can tell,  
It is the stream's own secret,  
Which she will never tell.

THERESA FRICKER, VIA.

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## To Shakespeare

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Immortal Bard! Was it thy aim  
To weave a myst'ry round thy name?

What dwelt within thy brilliant mind  
That left a gift for all mankind?

Ah, what the magic of thy pen  
That made past glories live again—

The colour, pageantry and power  
Of every nation's greatest hour.

Thy gift of words ('twas surely thine)  
Breathes genius in thy every line.

Oh! Poet, greatest of all time,  
Thou rankest, both in prose and rhyme.

P. MILNER-SMYTH, VIA.

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## The Sandman

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A soft tap-tap at the window pane  
Like pitter-pattering drops of rain;  
Then into the room, by the light of a star,  
Comes the Sandman, riding his moonbeam car.

Lightly tip-toeing across the floor  
He goes, and stops at the nursery door;  
And softly, quietly, in he creeps—  
Hush! do not stir, for a little child sleeps.

His curly head lies on the pillow at rest,  
His tired little eyes with dreamdust are blest.  
His day's work done, to his home in the skies,  
With his sack o'er his shoulder, the Sandman flies.

B. LAMBERT, VIA.



## "Dream House"

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The house of my dreams is surrounded by trees  
To whom secrets are told by the whispering breeze.  
The lacy, green vines, which cover the walls,  
Bear fragile blue flowers whose sweet perfume falls  
To be borne o'er the grass on the warm, balmy air,  
'Till it mingles with others fragrant and rare.  
The dew-covered webs the flowers adorn,  
And are turned into gems by the clear light at morn.  
There are doves on the roof which coo all the days,  
While on the wide lawn are squirrels at play.  
The slow, sinking sun is by gold clouds caressed,  
As, with low, haunting cry birds flock home to rest.  
When the whole garden's filled with the eerie moonlight,  
I sit on the stoep lulled by sounds of the night ;  
Then, yawning and sleepy, I climb into bed,  
And when I awake, my dream house has fled.

NOELLE LITTLE, VIIb.

## My Geliefkoosde Plek

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Gewoonlik is iemand se geliefkoosde plek onder 'n boom of by 'n babbelende water stroompie, maar myne het nie so 'n aantreklike klank nie, maar vir my is dit die geliefkoosde plek, waar ek kan sit en mymer.

Dis die plek waarnatoe ek altyd gaan as ek moeilikheid het of met blydskap gevul is. Die plek is in die deksstoel op ons agter stoep. Die rede waarom ek so baie daarvan hou is omdat ons huis 'n dubbel-verdieping huis is en die uitsig van die agter stoep van die tweede verdieping is so heerlik dat ek altyd troos daar kan soek.

Die koppies wat in 'n halwe sirkel voor my oë gerangskik is, lyk so statig en kalm en die huise, wat hier en daar tussen die groen bome verskyn, gee 'n atmosfeer van tevredenheid en welsyn. Net die sonsondergang, en die kleurprag van die wes, word die blou-groen bulte meer betowerend.

Dit is vir my so pragtig wanneer die sterretjies een vir een in die swart hemel verskyn, en ek verlustig my daarin om daarna te kyk, dan dwaal my oë weer na benede en daar aanskou ek orals die klein flikkerende liggies wat tussen die bome deurskyn.

Enige tyd van die dag of nag kan ek na my geliefkoosde plek gaan, altyd is die uitsig wonderlik, so rusvol en vreedsaam.

MERLE BURMAN, VIa.

## Peace

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It is hard for us, who have grown up in a war-time world to understand what peace really means. We were only in Standard III when the war began and it ended with our being in Form VI preparing for our Matriculation before venturing out into the world.

But now that the full significance of peace is gradually beginning to dawn upon us we ask ourselves the questions: "How is the youth of South Africa reacting to Peace? Are Youth's shoulders broad enough to bear the responsibility of helping to rebuild the war-torn world?"

We have seen what war means and we are determined that we will do anything to prevent the undergoing of another, even more terrible, war. We fully realise that if we are to retain this newly-acquired peace with all its security and accompanying benefits and pleasures, there must be no animosity between us and the youth of other nations; for if the youth of the world with all its generous enthusiasm hold no animosity towards each other, surely in the years to come the succeeding generations will benefit.

Let us hope that this peace will be everlasting. By God's Grace we will make it so.

"Not unto us, O Lord,  
Not unto us the rapture of the day,  
High heart, high speech, high deeds 'mid  
honouring eyes;  
For at Thy Word  
All these are taken away."

MERLE BURMAN, VIA.

## Winter

When the ground is covered with snow,  
And all the trees are brown,  
When Mother Earth is fast asleep  
And White is her snowy gown.

The squirrels sleep in their cosy nests,  
The rabbits down their holes.  
The foxes prowl about for food,  
And snoring are all the moles.

S. ELLIOT, STD. V.

## VIB

We here present for you to see  
The members of St. John's VIB.

We've intellectuals quite a few (!)  
Noelle, Jean, Maureen, Veronica, too.  
There's Gemini (the twins, of course),  
And Sheila Anne, the form's dark horse.

Langlaagte sends a rider fair,  
We've Dorothy with golden hair.  
Durban lends us lively Pat—  
Westville misses bonny Nat.

Our swimmers Pam and Joan and Jen,  
Were in the Gala once again.  
There's quiet Jill and Brenda gay,  
And P.M.S. who dreams all day!

ANON.



## Sonsondergang

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'n Paar weke gelede was ek met vakansie by die Noordkus. Laat een middag lê ek rustend op die warm sand en kyk na die groen-blou see. Die groot branders breek gewildig op die sand, wit skuim orals.

Die lug verander, eers stadig, van 'n diep blou tot purperoori. Die wit wolkies begin tot 'n diep rooi te verander, en hul weerkaatsing val oor die roerende see soos 'n mantel van goud en geel.

Stadig sink die rooi son, nou oranje dan bloedrooi. Die kleurprag van die lug verbleek tot 'n diep persferweel. Die seevoëls vlieg laag oor die branders, wit in die kleurvolle agtergrond. Die see word nou donker blou en stil; 'n sagte nagluggie waai skielik, en ek staan op.

In die laaste flikkerende skaduwees van die dag verdwyn die hitte en die lawaai. Alles is stil, kalmte heers, en die sterretjies verskyn een vir een as die son agter die gesienseinde verdwyn.

B. LAMBERT, VIA.

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## Quotations from Richard of Bordeaux

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VIA : "The spirit of the people is not broken; the will to win is still there."

PAULINE : "Sweet reason has not been my ruling characteristic these last months."

JEANNE : "Isn't life amusing! How — would have laughed."

JOYCE : "Long live the man of action."

MERLE : "If I might suggest it, your grace was hardly tactful in your methods."

BERYL : "It is a choice between laughing and being sick, and I find it more convenient to laugh."

JOYCE : "I do foolish things when I am furious."

THERESA : "A solid person, stupid, a little—but dependable."

JOAN : "Stupidity drives me crazy."

GWEN : "Even if the heavens were to fall, you would still be there."

RUTH : "It amazes me to find how much a human being is capable of surviving."

B. LAMBERT, VIA.

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## The Test Flight

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Mounting on wings of silver sheen,  
A finer sight was never seen  
Than the Hawker Hurricane, riding high  
Like a bird of prey in the frosty sky,  
With swirling "prop." and engines howling,  
While the wind swept back from the steel-lined cowling.  
This way and that she zoomed and swung,  
Stalled—and like an eaglet, hung  
For a moment—then down she sped  
With motor screaming to wake the dead.  
She cleft the air with lightning flash,  
Then suddenly ceased her downward dash  
And levelled off. With a mighty sigh  
She climbed again to the azure sky.

Time up at last, the test-flight o'er  
 She cruised above, and with sullen roar  
 The thundering engine began to slack.  
 As she touched the long, grey, cold tarmac  
 The steel frame shuddered. The swirling "prop."  
 Began to turn slower and finally stop.  
 The moment was over—the last great thrill—  
 The throbbing ceased, and the plane stood still.

B. LAMBERT, VIA.

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## "Esprit de Corps"

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What is this intangible School Spirit that leads and binds the girls together as one? Which remains with them through the years, even when their ways lie far apart throughout the world.

Surely it is the spirit that inspires them to put their utmost effort into their work and into their play.

The School is what the girls, both past and present, made and are still making it.

Work for her, play for her with all your might—Be proud to think that in the years to come you gave her something of yourself. That "All we have willed, or hoped, or dreamed of good shall exist."

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